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Mr. Brian Baird
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Dear Brian:

Thank you for the opportunity to host your Shoreline Policy public meeting in Orange County. The Orange County Coastal Coalition is a remarkable group of public agencies, non-profit, NGOs and the public – and we have taken the challenge of debating public policy and educating ourselves very seriously. Your presentation allowed us to do just that – and your willingness to stay and chat with the folks provided a two-way conversation that underscores your commitment to the coast and resonates well with everyone involved.

I'm sure you have received good input on your travels up and down the coast. But, regardless of whether participants agree or disagree, they have to respect you and your staff for your availability and for your interest in finally addressing coastal erosion comprehensively at a state-wide level. As you proceed with the rule-making and the implementation of your policies, I urge you to continue your outreach to local government so that new methods and regulations empower cities and counties and allow all of us to work together cooperatively.

Again, thank you for coming personally to present the new policy. We hope you'll visit us again in the near future. In addition to beach erosion, we focus on recreational water quality, bluff erosion, wetlands restoration and tidepool protection – all subjects I know are of significant interest to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom." with a stylized horizontal line above the "T".

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